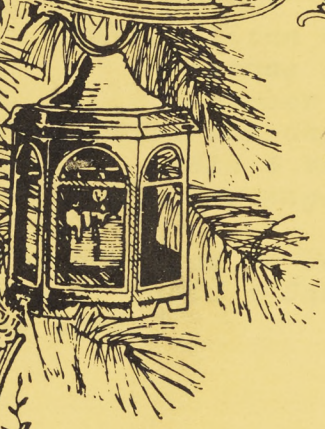


THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
CHANCEL CHOIR

directed by

JOHN WESLEY

presents

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

by

HEINRICH SCHUTZ

with

Edgar Carswell	Organist
and soloes by	
Carmella Pugliese	Soprano
William R. Green	Tenor
Leroy C. Westerbrook	Tenor
Jerry L. Angus	Bass

Metropolitan Community Church
Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 1970
1st Unitarian Church of Los Angeles
8th & Vermont St.
Los Angeles, Cal.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." St. Luke 2:11

Opening Prayer		Rev. Paul VanHecke
Hymn	Joy to the World	372
Welcome		Rev. John Hose
Hymn	The First Noel	369
Silent and Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Richard Ploen
O! Holy Night	Solo	Jeff Taylor
Sermon		Rev. Troy D. Perry
Offeratory	Solo	Pat Rocco
	The Birthday of a King	

1. Flowers (Side - John + Ray for — these Kids, After - Tues Relay to his lovers - Steve Tom
2. Robe - Dale Hallad

Presentation of the Christmas Story ...MCC Choir

Communion Service and Lighting of the Candles

Benediction

Hymn	Silent Night	370

Song Direction for Congregational Singing is under the direction of Willie Smith.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY
By Heinrich Schutz

Schutz, himself, in 1664, published the Evangelist's recitatives with their accompaniment. The choir portions remained unknown until 1908, when Arnold Schering discovered instrumental and vocal parts (but no score) for the entire work in a set of manuscripts in the University Library of Upsala, Sweden. These parts are not entirely complete but they remain to this day as the only source that is even nearly complete for this work.

Schutz deviated from the traditional plainsong chant of the recitative to the " Stylo Recitativo" which made this composition "modern" in its own day in the 17th Century.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY is often classified as an orato oratorio but it was written almost a century before that style was recognized. Officially Schutz work is recognized as a history simply relating facts.

HISTORIA von der GEBURT JESU CHRISTI
Heinrich Schutz 1585-1672

Overture to the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ
MCC Chancel Choir
Recitative of the Evangelist
and behold it came to pass
Leroy C. Westerbrook
Intermedium of the Angel to the Shepherds
Be not afraid
Carmella Pugliese
Recitative of the Evangelist
and suddenly there was with the angel
William R. Green
The Angel's Chorus
MCC Chancel Choir
Recitative of the Evangelist
and as the angels were gone into Heaven
William R. Green
The Shepherds in the Fields
MCC Chancel Choir
Recitative of the Shepherds
William R. Green

The Wise Men from the East
MCC Chancel Choir

Recitative of the Evangelist
now when King Herod was told
Leroy C. Westerbrook

High Priest and Scribes
MCC Chancel Choir

Recitative of the Evangelist
then King Herod called the Wise Men
Leroy C. Westerbrook

Intermedium of Herod
now go forth
Jerry Angus

The Angel to Joseph
get thee up
Carmella Pugliese

Recitative of the Evangelist
then he arose
William R. Green

The Angel to Joseph
get thee up
Carmella Pugliese

Recitative of the Evangelist
and he arose
Leroy C. Westerbrook

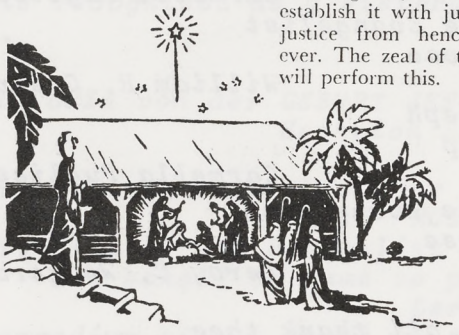
Conclusion
now let us all thank thee
MCC Chancel Choir

We ask that because of the solemnity of this sacred work the audience refrain from all applause.

A CHILD IS BORN

FOR unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

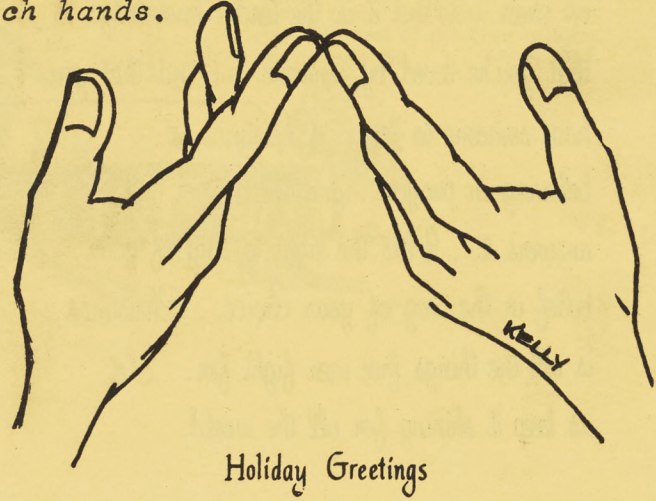
Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. *—Isaiah 9:6, 7.*



Christmas

Christmas is your faith in all that is good in the world. . .Christmas is the selfless spirit of doing for others. . .Christmas is laughter and friendship. . .and the spreading of cheer. . .And it is the tender knowledge that you're loved by someone. . .And that you have someone to love. . .Christmas is believing in prayer. . .and the Power that answers it. . .Plus the right to sing of your belief in the way of your choice. . .Christmas is all the things free men fight for. . .Let us keep it shining for all the world.

Ah, friends, dear friends, as years go on and heads get gray, how fast the guests do go.
Touch hands, touch hands, with those that stay.
Strong hands to weak, old hands to young, around the Christmas board, touch hands.
The false forget, the foe forgive, for every guest will go and every fire burn low and empty cabin stand.
Forget, forgive, for who may say that Christmas day may ever come to host or guest again.
Touch hands.



Holiday Greetings